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10th Plenary Meeting of 8th Central Committee of Workers' Party of Korea Held

The revolutionary enthusiasm of the entire Party and all the people is surging remarkably to translate into brilliant reality and eye-opening changes the action programmes, adopted and set forth at the 8th Congress and plenary meetings of the WPK Central Committee, by steadily displaying the inexhaustible strength of loyalty and patriotism and the invincible might of the single-hearted unity peculiar to the Korean revolution. In this situation, the 10th Plenary Meeting of the 8th Central Committee of the WPK was convened from June 28 to July 1, 2024.

In order to successfully follow the orientation of state affairs in 2024 and carry out all the tasks decided at the Ninth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK, the plenary meeting reviewed the work in the first half of the year, and discussed and decided such agenda items which are practically and prospectively pressing as the issue of spurring the struggle for the second half of the year, the issue of improving the officials' work style and leadership abilities and the issue of supporting and perfecting the judicial system.

The plenary meeting stressed to make 2024 a year of new changes, filled with significant successes greater and more notable than those of last year by attaining struggle goals in 2024 with success by dint of the unity and unyielding patriotic struggle of the whole Party and all the people.

The 10th Plenary Meeting of the 8th WPK Central Committee serves as a significant occasion of further displaying the revolutionary features and militant spirit of the WPK, which is carrying forward the history of the development of the Republic with eternal dignity, glory and prosperity by dint of absolute prestige of the respected Comrade **Kim Jong Un** and the

invincible might of his great revolutionary ideas and is building an ideal society of the people where socialist civilization is in full bloom, and an occasion of another epoch-making turn in the development of the Korean revolution.

European Regional Seminar on Juche Idea under Title "Sovereignty, Independence and New International Relations" Held in Bulgaria

The European regional seminar on the Juche idea under the title "Sovereignty, Independence and New International Relations" was in in Sofia, Bulgaria on September 8, 2024 on the occasion of the 76th founding anniversary of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Present there were director-general, secretary-general and directors of the European Society for the Study of the Juche Idea (ESSJI), chiefs of the Juche idea study groups in the region, delegates of the IIJI secretariat and public figures of all social standings in Bulgaria.

Kenichi Ogami, secretary-general of the IIJI, Keith Bennett, deputy director-general of the ESSJI, and the Juche idea followers in different countries including Russia, Italy and Serbia joined the seminar through video.

Congratulatory messages sent by the Asian Regional Institute of the Juche Idea, the African Regional Committee for the Study of the Juche Idea, the Latin American Institute of the Juche Idea were introduced and Kenichi Ogami and other personages delivered congratulatory speeches.

Speeches were made following the keynote report by Matteo Carbonelli, director-general of the ESSJI.

Reporter and speakers praised highly the respected Comrade **Kim Jong Un**, who developed in depth the Juche idea into the great Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism and leads the trend of global independence, as a great man with few parallels in history.

Noting that the truthfulness, validity and vitality of the Juche idea are proved by the DPRK people, they commended that the DPRK where such great idea is applied is the beacon of mankind.

The immortal Juche idea serves as a banner of life and struggle of the world progressive peoples who aspire after the establishment of new international relations on the principle of respecting sovereignty based on independence, they stressed. They noted that the world anti-imperialist independent forces must unite as one to actively turn out in the struggle against the imperialist forces that are seeking after supremacy and build a new independent world.

They continued… The ongoing seminar will serve as the one of significance in discussing the pending problems facing before the European countries and seeking for the solutions corresponding to the realities in each country in combination with the Juche idea in the period when the world people's aspiration for establishing a new international order by rejecting high-handedness and arbitrariness and on the basis of the spirit of equality, mutual respect and cooperation has become more intense as never before. Study and dissemination of Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism must become more active for the sake of sovereignty in each country and the global independence.

A letter to the respected Comrade **Kim Jong Un** was adopted at the seminar.

Respected Comrade **Kim Jong Un**'s Revolutionary Ideology Is Scientific and Encyclopedic Practical Programme

Revolutionary ideology of the respected Comrade **Kim Jong Un** is a scientific and encyclopedic practical programme that is characterized by the sense of times, actuality, many-sidedness, originality, creativity and affability.

Kim Jong Un's revolutionary ideology is a practical programme that correctly reflects the trend of the times and indicates the way ahead and countermeasures capable of initiatively breaking through the complicated and knotty circumstances and conditions. It clarifies revolutionary strategy and well-timed struggle policies that firmly guarantee the advance and development of revolution in line with the ever-changing circumstances and conditions.

Kim Jong Un's revolutionary ideology is a practical programme that indicates solutions and methodologies capable of making steady advance and leap forward in all fields by fully tapping development potentials and reserved strength, on the basis of scientific analysis of practical conditions and possibilities. It explains the demands of the revolutionary practice and concrete conditions of each field, clearly indicates possibility of realizing them on the basis of indomitable mental strength of the people, organizing ability and unity peculiar to the DPRK and the might of self-supporting economy, and crystalizes clear-cut solutions and methodologies capable of immediately correcting the latent abuses and weakness and bringing about

innovative changes by effectively mobilizing all development potentialities available.

Kim Jong Un's revolutionary ideology is a practical programme that elucidates guiding principles and splendid plans capable of innovating everything boldly and creating freshly irrespective of established customs and formula. It explains the Juche-oriented view on development that the DPRK should not follow the development of the world but the latter should follow the former and the popular masses' wisdom and efforts of creating the new to startle the world and advancing the times. It also crystalizes standard of creation that awakes that people to noble ideal and aspiration and leads them to a new era.

Kim Jong Un's revolutionary ideology is a practical programme that has infinite affability and influence with which everyone easily understands and sympathizes for themselves. All the lines, policies and guiding principles of the Workers' Party of Korea, which are the embodiment of **Kim Jong Un**'s revolutionary ideology, describe persuasively and in plain language so that the masses of the people sympathize with and accept them as their own for themselves.

Fresh Innovation Is Major Feature of Respected Comrade **Kim Jong Un**'s Revolutionary Ideology

A feature of the revolutionary ideology of the respected Comrade **Kim Jong Un** lies in the fact that it carries forward the revolutionary ideas of President **Kim Il Sung** and Chairman **Kim Jong Il** and developed them freshly as required by the revolutionary practice.

Kim Jong Un's revolutionary ideology further developed and enriched in an innovative and scientific way the great Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism with new principles and contents while purely carrying forward all principles and contents clarified by it.

Kim Jong Un's revolutionary ideology advanced a new revolutionary philosophy by developing in depth the Juche idea, the man-centred, the people-centred philosophical thought, as required by the revolutionary practice in the new era.

Based on the philosophical principles clarified by the Juche idea, revolutionary philosophy raises new philosophical problems, that is, man's requirement for collectivism and his political awareness, position and role of the leader, Juche-oriented view on the people, people-oriented philosophy and philosophy of trust, which are of weighty significance in further cementing the single-hearted unity of the Party and revolutionary ranks and consolidating its might, as the contents of the fundamentals of the revolution and gives answers to them. It comprehensively developed the guiding principles of the Juche idea that hold the maintaining of the independent stand, applying of the creative method and placing the main stress on ideology, in line with the practical demands of the Korean revolution so as to advance the principles of the revolution whose main contents are independence and self-respect, ideology-first principle, fresh innovation, bold creation and steady progress.

Kim Jong Un's revolutionary ideology developed and enriched the Juche-oriented revolution theory by advancing fresh and unique strategy and tactics and practical programmes for hastening the building of an ideal society for the people.

Line of the spirit of self-development first, line of transforming all revolutionary positions in line with the demands of the three

revolutions, ideology and theory that newly explain the essential nature of the communist society and the basic requirements for building communism, and ideology and theory on comprehensive development of socialism are the ones that innovated freshly and developed and enriched remarkably the Juche-oriented line of building socialism and communism.

Line of building the Party in the new era, line of state building, line of building revolutionary armed forces and idea on making all the people well versed in science and technology and other lines by sector and ideas and theories are the comprehensive development of the Juche-oriented revolutionary theory.

Kim Jong Un's revolutionary theory further develops the Juche-oriented methods of leadership.

Kim Jong Un's revolutionary theory set it as an ideal target in establishing the unified leadership system of the Party Central Committee to make the whole country become a single living organism that shares its thinking, will and actions with the Party Central Committee, and this is the ideology and theory that freshly innovated the idea on the revolutionary leadership system clarified by the Juche-oriented methods of leadership.

Such ideas on methods and styles of work and the communist traits to be possessed of by the officials as the idea on actively applying proficient methods of working with the masses and the method of working in a precisely-targeted way, idea on enhancing the officials' drive, fighting spirit and performance and the idea on encouraging honesty and uprightness are the remarkable development of the Juche-oriented methods of leadership over the masses.

Ideology-first Principle

Ideology-first principle is an important content of principles of the revolution clarified by the revolutionary ideology of the respected Comrade **Kim Jong Un**.

Ideology-first principle is the revolutionary one of solving all problems in the ways of prioritizing ideology and remoulding and motivating the people ideologically with ideology as an omnipotent weapon in the revolution and construction. In other words, it is a principle of the revolution to solve all problems by adhering to the ways of prioritizing ideology, educating and reforming the people and enlisting their ideological and mental strength, not to the material-is-almighty and the economy-is-almighty doctrines.

It is a prerequisite to the existence, strengthening and development of a socialist ruling party and a fundamental guarantee for realizing political guidance over the revolution and construction.

The most powerful weapon for a socialist ruling party that is waging a revolution shouldering the people's destiny—in fact its one and only weapon—is ideology. Without ideology, a party cannot be founded nor can it exist, and its work and revolutionary struggle are inconceivable separated from ideological work.

In order to adhere to the ideology-first principle, it is important to firmly hold fast to the principle of giving importance to the revolution and construction.

To give importance to ideology means to attach decisive importance to ideological factor in all problems and solving them on the principle of giving priority to ideological and political work.

In order to adhere to the ideology-first principle, it is also essential to hold fast to the ideological remoulding as a core task of a socialist ruling party and government.

It is also necessary to solve all problems arising in the revolution and construction in the way of motivating the people ideologically.

Principle of Fresh Innovation, Bold Creation and Steady Progress

Principle of fresh innovation, bold creation and steady progress is an important content of the principles of the revolution clarified by the revolutionary ideology of the respected Comrade **Kim Jong Un**.

Fresh innovation, bold creation and steady progress are a principle of revolution to eliminate anything that is not revolutionary, not militant and backward in all fronts of the socialist construction, and bring about continuous innovation and advance until they accomplish final victory of the revolution. In other words, it is a principle of revolution holding that all units and fields should make vigorous efforts to make fresh changes and development with the revolutionary and militant fighting style, disposition and characteristics while guarding against formulism and stereotypes, stagnation and stalemate, self-pride and self-praise and encouraging self-reproach and self-examination.

Fresh innovation, bold creation and steady progress are a principle of revolution that reflects lawful requirements of state development, historic experience of the Korean revolution and the demands of the DPRK’s revolutionary practice advancing towards a fresh victory of the socialist construction.

Important in adhering to the principle is to fundamentally revolutionize the way of thinking and style of work of the people, make a decisive shift in the overall work of the state so that it is oriented to and encourages fresh innovation, bold creation and steady progress and create and develop everything to the world level.

Hallmark and Position of Powerful Socialist Country

The revolutionary ideology of the respected Comrade **Kim Jong Un** defined the building of a powerful country as a main fighting task at the present stage for accomplishing the cause of socialism and communism as required by the revolutionary practice that entered a new development phase, and scientifically explains the standard by which to evaluate a country's strength, decisive factor in strengthening national strength and hallmark and historic position of a powerful socialist country.

The people's happy laughter is the absolute standard by which to evaluate a country's strength. In other words, how brightly they laugh and the extent to which the country is brimming with their laughter are indicators of the strength of the country. The people's bright laughter is, in essence, the emotional feelings of affluent and cultured, harmonious and happy life in good health and without any worries, and the eruption of pride and self-confidence in state social system and national strength that guarantee the people's dignified and happy life. Reflected in the people's laughter are the gratitude to the state's popular policies, pride in being citizens of a powerful country, self-confidence and delight as creators and enjoyers of powerful national strength and self-

consciousness and will to make active contribution to state prosperity and development.

A decisive factor in strengthening national strength is the great ideology and leadership of the outstanding leader. A political leader, who is possessed of great ideology and ideal, prominent generosity and leadership ability, ardent benevolence and feelings towards the people and bold self-confidence and will, can correctly combine the trend of ever-changing times and the demands of the people, orient them towards the strengthening of national strength and lead with confidence the competition of national strength accompanied by acute confrontation with the great powers. Today the DPRK people display their dignity and honour of being the people of a powerful country no one dare provoke and the DPRK's overall national strength and strategic position have been raised onto the highest level in national history.

A powerful socialist country means the best country in the world, one with great national strength that is ever-prospecting and whose people are living happy life without envying anyone in the world. Politico-ideological might, military strength, economic and technical strength and the standards of civilization are the basic elements of national strength. From the viewpoint of the elements, a powerful socialist country is a politico-ideological power, a military power, a sci-tech power, an economic giant and a nation with an advanced civilization.

The position of the building of a powerful socialist country lies in the fact that it is a historic stage and law-governed process of the struggle to consolidate the foundation of socialism and achieve the complete victory of socialism as required by Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism. Building of a powerful socialist country is a lawful

process of providing political and military forces guaranteeing complete victory of socialism, laying economic, technological and cultural bases and giving fullest play to the advantages of socialism.

Comprehensive Development of Socialism

The revolutionary ideology of the respected Comrade **Kim Jong Un** advanced an original theory on comprehensive development of socialism for accomplishing the cause of building a powerful country by making simultaneous and balanced development of the economy and culture while strengthening the politico-ideological might in every way in line with the requirements of the times when the building of the DPRK style of socialism is at a phase of dynamic development.

To develop socialism on a full scale means, in short, to achieve simultaneous and balanced development in all fields of socialist construction and in all areas of the country and in all branches of the national economy. In other words, it means putting an end to the balanced, nontypical development in which progress and backwardness coexist, developing all fields, sectors and regions equally and, furthermore, building a powerful socialist country which is prosperous by being self-sufficient and self-dependent.

Comprehensive development of socialism includes overall development of each sector of the socialist construction, independent and diversified development of all cities and counties and simultaneous and balanced development of overall state development.

Development of politics and national defence, the economy and culture are the historic tasks that are of importance and should be

carried out all together in bringing dream and ideal of building a powerful country into reality.

Comprehensive development of socialism cannot be made by attaching importance to a certain field of politics and national defence, the economy and culture as all fields of society are organically linked with each other. It is possible to strengthen overall national strength and hasten the cause of building a powerful country only when the economy and culture are developed simultaneously and in a balanced way while channeling primary efforts into consolidating politico-military might.

In order to make comprehensive development of each sector of the socialist construction, it is imperative to channel steady efforts into consolidating politico-ideological might of the DPRK style of socialism and hold fast to the up-building of national defence capabilities as a core task. It is also necessary to solidify the foundation of self-supporting economy by vigorously hastening the economic construction, stabilize and improve the people's livelihood and further develop all fields of socialist culture including science, education and public health.

Cities and counties are the grassroots units with direct responsibility for executing the policies of the Workers' Party of Korea, regional bases giving guidance to rural economy and local economy and the powerful strongholds supporting the overall development of the country.

To make independent and many-sided development of all cities and counties means to turn them into the strategic bases of a powerful socialist country with a high level of civilization and developed regions with their own characteristics. In other words, it is to transform all cities and counties into the local towns and the civilized places with the

features of development peculiar to the DPRK and the characteristics of their own regions in all spheres of politics, the economy and culture.

Important in making independent and many-sided development of all cities and counties is to hold fast to and further the socialist rural construction as an important state policy, revitalize and develop regional industry and make face-lifting of the city and county seats in a bold and tenacious way.

In the DPRK, the Regional Development 20×10 Policy advanced by the WPK is being dynamically pushed forward from the year 2024. The essence of the policy lies in the fact that it will wipe out the centuries-old backwardness of the regions and realize the desire of the regional people so as to promote well-being of the people throughout the country and defend their rights and interests. In other words, it is to make the WPK hold on building of modern regional-industry factories in 20 counties every year as an unerring policy task, carry it out successfully and thus raise on one stage the basic material and cultural living standards of the people in all cities and counties and, in another word, across the country within 10 years.

Kim Jong Un gave concrete instructions to the issues arising in implementing the policy in his programmatic speech made at the 19th Enlarged Meeting of Political Bureau of the 8th C.C., WPK held from January 23 to 24 and during his field guidance to the regional-industry factories in Kimhwa County on February 7 and in his significant speech made at the ground-breaking ceremony for construction of regional-industry factories in Songchon County on February 28, 2024.

During his field guidance to the construction sites of the regional-industry factories on August 24 and 25, 2024, **Kim Jong Un** set forth a new policy of accelerating the implementation of the historic cause of regional rejuvenation by pushing ahead with the construction of

advanced public health facilities, sci-tech learning spaces and grain management facilities, simultaneously with the on-going construction of regional-industry factories, and in order to hasten the accomplishment of the Regional Development 20×10 Policy for bringing about a remarkable improvement in the regional economy and people's living standards, he took crucial measures to carry it out. On August 31 and in early October, he clarified in detail the all principles to be adhered to in and the ways for implementing the newly-added three-point construction task.

Important in consolidating the independence of state economy is to make comprehensive development of all fields of the national economy.

Goal of making the national economy independent is not only to merely live on one's own on the basis of domestic production but to make balanced development of overall fields of the economy and thus raise them onto the world level.

Rural Revolution Programme in New Era

The revolutionary ideology of the respected Comrade **Kim Jong Un** advanced the rural revolution programme in the new era for realizing the Workers' Party of Korea's far-reaching plan of socialist rural construction by dynamically pushing forward the rural development as required by the period of comprehensive development of socialism.

Rural revolution in the new era is a revolutionary struggle to solve the rural question ultimately by attaining the WPK's goal for the socialist rural construction with success. In other words, it is an undertaking to turn all the agricultural workers into the communists, put the country's agriculture on a definite upward stage and effecting drastic development of the DPRK-style socialist countryside.

Rural revolution programme in the new era comprehensively crystalizes theoretical and practical issues for successfully solving the socialist rural question in the DPRK including the historic necessity of rural revolution, goal for rural revolution, rural development strategy at present, basic requirement of rural revolution, primary tasks in the rural revolution and the ways for carrying them out.

Rural revolution in the new era is a lawful requirement of building of communism and an indispensible requirement to raise the country's overall national strength and strategic position onto a new high stage by developing the economy and improving the people's livelihood.

The WPK's goal for the socialist rural construction is to model all the rural communities across the country on the Juche idea and make them materially affluence. In other words, it is to turn all the agricultural workers into communists firmly armed with the Juche idea, bring about fundamental changes in agricultural production and rural construction as required by the Juche idea so as to solve rural question

ultimately. Targets to be attained in the DPRK-style rural development are to enhance level of ideological awareness of agricultural workers, make a rapid development of agricultural workforce and bring about fundamental change in the living environment of the countryside.

The major task of rural development strategy at present is to transform all the agricultural workers into revolutionary agricultural workers befitting the era of the Workers' Party, completely solve the food problem of the country and dynamically wage the struggle for drastically changing the living environment of rural inhabitants so as to definitely put the countryside on an orbit of sustained development.

Basic requirement of rural revolution is to set stages and goals on a scientific basis and attain them in an aggressive and revolutionary way under year-on-year plan.

Primary tasks in the rural revolution in the new era are to prepare the agricultural works to be rural revolutionaries by powerfully expediting the three revolutions—ideological, technological and cultural, bring about sustained growth of agricultural production and transform the appearance and environment of farms.

In order to carry out the rural revolution in the new era with success, it is essential to strengthen the Party's leadership over the socialist rural construction, increase the state investment in agriculture purposefully and improve guidance and management over rural economy.

Rural revolution programme in the new era is the revolutionary inheritance of the socialist rural theses advanced by President **Kim Il Sung** and its development onto a new, higher stage.

【Korea Today】

DPRK’s Position Seen in Light of Geopolitical Viewpoint

Korea is located in a strategic point where the interests of the big powers are related geopolitically through history.

Through it holds a geopolitically important position, Korea had been trodden underfoot as a theatre where the big powers fought to expand the sphere of their influence and its people had to suffer from the destiny of a colonial small country for centuries as they failed to have an outstanding leader.

The geopolitical position of Korea is the same as ever, but there took place a radical change in its geopolitical position.

The term geopolitics holding that natural and geological factors define a state politics began to be in common use in the period of the World War I. However, the big powers had attached importance to the geopolitical position of Korea since long ago. Korea that is situated in the Far East of Asia holds very important position strategically.

As a “border area” between the Eurasia and the Pacific, Korea is at a distinctive geological position serving as a “bridge”, that is, a “crossing bridge” joining the ocean and the continent and, at the same time, located in a crossing of China, Russia and Japan.

Because of such position of Korea, neighbouring big powers that entered on the road of the capitalist development were interested in Korea.

In particular, the US understood Korea's geopolitical position that is as same as a gateway to the Asian continent and had endeavoured to invade Korea since the 1930s in the 19th century.

Japan that followed the path of capitalism belatedly after the Meiji Restoration in 1868 found a way to make capitalist development in foreign invasion and chose Korea as a primary target.

Like this, Korea was at the position that was of weighty importance in the interests of the surrounding big powers.

Proceeding from such specific position of Korea, not only the neighbouring big powers but those in the Europe and the US attempted to victimize it as an important strategic base for their struggle for concessions.

In the different historic periods, views of the big powers on Korea were different but each of them did not abandon their interest on the Korean peninsula.

In reality, hot wars and disputes, confrontation and discord, union and alliance between Ching dynasty, Russia, Japan and the US were aimed at seizing the Korean peninsula. This is a historic fact that no one can deny.

A century ago, a French cartoonist drew a picture on which neighbouring countries dropping their lines at a fish "Korea" under the bridge to flatter the struggle of big powers on the Korean peninsula.

The respected Comrade **Kim Jong Un** gave fresh solution to the question of geopolitical position of Korea, thus completely overthrowing its established geopolitical fatalism.

Proceeding from the leader-centred theory, **Kim Jong Un** gave perfect explanation to the DPRK's geopolitical position.

Kim Jong Un penetrated deep into the radical changes occurred in the DPRK's position as it holds high in esteem President **Kim Il Sung**

and Chairman **Kim Jong Il** and gave perfect explanation to the DPRK's position on the basis of the leader-centred theory.

In his speech delivered at the military parade held in celebration of the centenary of the President's birth anniversary, **Kim Jong Un** said that the geopolitical position of the country is the same as ever, but the weak country of yesterday which was trodden underfoot as a theatre where the big powers fought to expand the sphere of their influence, has now been turned into a proud political and military power and the DPRK people are demonstrating their dignity as an independent people whom no one dares to provoke. He continued that this miraculous transformation in the destiny of the Korean nation is no fortuitous event which resulted from the passage of time but an inevitable historical outcome brought about by the great President **Kim Il Sung** and General **Kim Jong Il**, who pioneered and led the Juche revolution.

Reflected in **Kim Jong Un**'s speech is the great philosophy that the geopolitical position of a country remains unchanged but the position of a country and its people is not immutable, and that the geopolitical position of a relevant country is advanced further when it holds an outstanding leader.

Today the DPRK exercises big influence in the international political arena.

Creators of Chollima Spirit in New Era

Chollima is a legendary horse that runs 250 miles at a galloping and symbolizes the revolutionary spirit of the DPRK people hastening socialist construction at a rapid speed.

The Chollima Movement arose in the DPRK with the December 1956 Plenary Meeting of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea as a momentum.

At the plenary meeting, President **Kim Il Sung** advanced a revolutionary policy to bring about a great increase in socialist construction by braving the prevailing situation. Then he went to the then Kangson Steel Plant to meet its workers and informed them of the main spirit of the plenary meeting. Saying that it would greatly help the country if they produced 10 000 tons more of steel next year, he called upon them to hold higher the torch of the collective innovation movement and thus they should make it an impetus which would rouse the working people across the country for a great upswing in socialist construction.

All the workers and other working people throughout the country brought about a great leap forward in the revolution in all fronts of the socialist construction, holding high the Party's revolutionary slogan, "Rush at the speed of Chollima!"

Workers in the then Kangson Steel Plant worked a miracle of turning out 120 000 tons of rolled steel at the blooming mill with an annual rated capacity of 60 000 tons while smashing passivism, conservatism and mysticism about technology. Accordingly, a torch of a great upsurge in the revolution was flared up in Kangson and it

became a historic place where the first torch of grand march of Chollima was flared up.

Amid the great upswing, cohesion and unity of the Party and the people were further cemented and socialist construction was accelerated at a rapid speed and thus foundation for socialist industrialization was laid with success.

A great leap forward in socialist construction and the Chollima Movement began in this process.

The essence of Chollima Movement is to unite all the working people more firmly around the Party and the leader by changing them through education and to give ample scope to their revolutionary fervour and creative talents so as to build socialism better and faster.

The workers in the then Kangson Steel Plant created the Chollima spirit in the end of the 1950s. The Chollima spirit in the new era was created by the officials and workers in the Ryongsong Machine Complex.

The 6th Plenary Meeting of the 8th WPK Central Committee held in December 2022 set the tasks of providing a decisive guarantee for implementing the 5-year plan by further expanding and developing the all-people struggle for opening a new phase in socialist construction. It also gave a task of manufacturing several kinds of custom-built equipment, which are of weighty importance in the country's economic development, in 2023 to officials, workers and technicians in the Ryongsong Machine Complex.

The respected Comrade **Kim Jong Un** praised that, from the Chollima era up to the current times, the complex has manufactured a large number of machine units including 6 000-ton and 10 000-ton presses in the DPRK way with their own technology and efforts and it

has a heroic tradition of carrying out the Party's policies self-sacrificingly.

True to **Kim Jong Un**'s big confidence, the officials and workers in the complex turned out as one to carry out the task within the scheduled day.

They worked a miracle of perfecting in a month the designs for the extra-large machine equipment which were two and half times greater than those in the past and took them a year to do so, and carried out with success the huge task of manufacturing large-scale compressors entrusted by the Party within the period fixed by the Party, thus becoming the creators of the Chollima spirit in the new era.

In 2024, too, they completed the production of hundreds of efficient compressors, which would take them several years with ready-made ideas, by the end of June while dynamically advancing the modernization project and sent them to the sector of coal industry.

The indomitable struggle of the workers in the complex who worked miracles and innovation proves what kind of persons the Chollima riders in the new era are and vigorously encourages all the working people throughout the country to the implementation of the 5-year plan.

Remains in Kaesong with Long History

Kaesong which is situated 160kms south of Pyongyang is a city with a long history. It was the capital of Koryo (918-1392).

Kaesong has many historic remains in the days of Koryo.

There are the King Wang Kon's Mausoleum, King Kyong Hyo's Mausoleum, Sonjuk Bridge, Phyochung Monuments, Koryo Songgyungwan University, Sungyang School, Manwoldae, Kaesong Chomsongdae Observatory, Kaesong Castle and Kaesong South Gate, etc.

Kaesong also has *Kwanum* Temple which attracts the people's attention as it is the one built with wood without using any nail and has the statue of the Buddhist Goddess of Mercy made in the mid-Koryo dynasty, and the bell hung in the Yonbok Temple.

12 historic remains in the Kaesong area were registered a world cultural heritage in 2013.

Koguryo Tomb Murals

The 28th session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee held in July 2004 decided to register 60-odd Koguryo mural tombs as a world cultural heritage.

From ancient times, the Korean people decorated tombs with mural paintings in order to arrange them alike in life environment of the dead in their life time, proceeding from the people's devotion that the dead's soul is alive as well as their sense of cherishing the memory of the dead.

Koguryo tomb murals are diverse in their forms and rich in their contents. Depicted on the murals are portraits, customs, sceneries, animals, still lives, flowers and other decorative and symbolic patters.

The murals which remain as they are even though a thousand and hundreds of years have elapsed, prove bold and witty architectural engineering of the builders and fine, veritable and seasoned artistic talent the painters in the period of the Koguryo dynasty.

Typical murals of Koguryo tombs are murals of Anak Tomb No. 3 in Anak County of South Hwanghae Province, the Three Tombs of Kangso in Kangso District, Nampho and the in Honam-ri Sasin (Four Holy Animals) Tomb in Samsok District, etc.

DPRK's System of Free Compulsory Education

Free compulsory education in DPRK is originated in the period of the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle.

In the early 1930s, the compulsory free education was enforced for the first time in history in the schools in the revolutionized wide rural areas and the Children's Corps schools in the guerrilla bases and liberated areas and thus experiences in enforcing free education system was gained.

After the liberation of Korea, the system of charging educational expenses including school fee was abolished and the state scholarship system was enforced to all students of university and colleges from September 1, 1947.

In the DPRK, the universal compulsory education system was enforced in close combination with the free education.

The universal compulsory primary and secondary education were enforced completely free of charge from 1956 and 1958 respectively.

With the victory of the socialist revolution and the establishment of a socialist system, the DPRK government proclaimed that the universal free education system was enforced from April 1, 1959 in order to apply the principle of giving all the working people an education under state charge.

In the DPRK, the universal 11-year compulsory education system was enforced from 1972. The law on enforcing the universal 12-year compulsory education system was proclaimed at the 6th Session of the 12th Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK held in September 2012.

【**Impressions**】

Just and Great One Is **Kim Jong Un**'s Revolutionary Ideology

A Russian personage who visited the DPRK in August 2024 said as follows.

"The revolutionary ideology of the respected Comrade **Kim Jong Un** is just and great one, indeed.

Practice of the Korean revolution that wins only victory proves validity and greatness of **Kim Jong Un**'s revolutionary ideology.

I am sure that **Kim Jong Un**'s revolutionary ideology is the just and great one as it is an universal ideology illuminating the way ahead of not only the DPRK but all the progressives aspiring after the independence."

DPRK Advances with Ideology-first Principle as Treasure Sword

In August 2024, the delegation of the International Alliance of Societies for the Study of the Juche Idea in East European and Central Asian Regions visited to the DPRK. Witnessing the reality in the DPRK that advances with the ideology-first principle as treasure sword, the members of the delegation expressed their view as follows.

"Holding fast to the ideal of making the country rich, the USSR attached importance to economic affairs only and thus neglected ideological work. The people's ideas corrupted so as to make the capitalist ideology spread in society. As a result, they could not defend

socialism but pulled down the red flag of socialism down with their own hands.

However, the DPRK, holding fast to the ideology-first principle, the idea that ideology decides everything, conducts all work on the strength of ideology. We are sure that the lesson of the USSR will not be repeated in the DPRK."

Great Ideology

Visiting the DPRK in August 2024, the members of the delegation of the International Alliance of Societies for the Study of the Juche Idea in East European and Central Asian Regions and the delegation of the Mongolian Association for the Study of the Juche Idea—Songun Idea unanimously praised highly the greatness of the respected Comrade **Kim Jong Un**.

A member of the delegation of the International Alliance of Societies for the Study of the Juche Idea in East European and Central Asian Regions said as follows.

Great Comrade **Kim Jong Un** purely carries forward and develops in depth the revolutionary ideas of President **Kim Il Sung** and Chairman **Kim Jong Il**. Leninism was created in the USSR in the early last century but it failed to be developed in depth as required by the realities but imposed coercively. However, the Juche idea has immutable viability as it is being deepened and developed with innovative contents in line with the development of the times.

Another member of the delegation stressed… Comrade **Kim Jong Un**'s aphorism **Even an egg, when charged with ideology, can break a rock** tells a profound truth that the popular masses can do anything when their mental strength is given full play. I will apply the idea of the

saying in my political activities when I go home. Comrade **Kim Jong Un**'s revolutionary ideology is the great one.

A member of the delegation of the Mongolian Association for the Study of the Juche Idea—Songun Idea stressed… The DPRK has changed remarkably during the last ten years. This proves that the DPRK advances on the strength of the truthfulness of **Kim Jong Un**'s revolutionary ideology. The DPRK guided by the great ideology is an ideological power.

We Must Follow Examples of DPRK

A foreign personage who paid visit to the DPRK in August 2024 noted that he came to have a fresh view on the Juche idea in the DPRK while witnessing the appearances of Pyongyang City and other localities that made drastic changes. He also mentioned that the most impressive during his visit was the conviction in the future that he could see in the eyes of the young people in the street, and that he was deeply impressed by the slogan ***Let Us Learn for Korea!*** put up on the walls of schools.

Stressing that his country should follow the example of education in patriotism in the DPRK, he referred to the fact that he came to have a mind to write a book about the Juche idea, in particular, about the revolutionary ideology of the respected Comrade **Kim Jong Un** to explain and disseminate it to the children and the youth as he had deep impression during his visit.

“Even US Approves”

A member of the International Alliance of Societies for the Study of the Juche Idea in East European and Central Asian Regions who visited the DPRK in August 2024, expressed his impression as follows after witnessing the miraculous realities being brought in the DPRK thanks to the distinguished political ability of the respected Comrade **Kim Jong Un**.

Sanctions on the DPRK are the manifestation of the imperialists’ madness.

Even children’s toys are included in the items of sanctions and this is an extremely inhuman act.

However, amazing things began to happen in the DPRK thanks to the unique mode of politics of the respected Comrade **Kim Jong Un**.

A reporter of a new agency in the US referred to the fact that the US imposes sanctions on the countries covering one third of the world territory but they do not work in the DPRK.

Though the US has imposed many sanctions on the DPRK than other countries, favourable conditions for development are created in the DPRK at present.

I am sure this is attributable to the fact that the DPRK has the leadership of the respected Comrade **Kim Jong Un** who is the great leader and an distinguished mentor of the world people. **Kim Jong Un** knows all the ways capable of braving all difficulties and leads his people towards development and progress. Even the US approves this.”

Cause of Great Man Is Carried Forward with Success Only by Great Man

It is said that the cause of a great man is carried forward with success only by a great man.

The cause of Chairman **Kim Jong Il** is being carried forward with success by Supreme Commander **Kim Jong Un**.

The world is being shocked by **Kim Jong Un**'s personality as a great man.

The world media state positively… Advent of a young great man in the DPRK in the east seems to exercise big influence on the politico-military situation in the 21st century. Leader **Kim Jong Un** is possessed of conviction and will, courage an self-confidence, resources and the art of command, human love and fidelity that cannot be found in the leaders in other countries. Such natural dispositions will bring eternity on the DPRK's invincibility.

The world witnesses the reality of such positive statement.

In the course of focusing my speculation on such shocking realities, I came to maintain that **Kim Jong Un**'s distinguished political ability and iron will would make the DPRK's ever-victorious history continue and such history would exercise big influence on the 21st century as ever.

At present, the world media praise highly **Kim Jong Un** is the youngest leader in the contemporary world and a prominent great man who would lead at the centre of the planet the 21st century towards the independence against imperialism.

Indeed, **Kim Jong Un** is a great man with few parallels in history sent by the heaven to the earth.

Kim Jong Un's era is being unfolded solemnly on the world political arena following **Kim Il Sung**'s and **Kim Jong Il**'s eras.

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Foreign Delegations of Juche Idea Study Group Visit Pyongyang

Delegation of the International Alliance of Societies for the Study of the Juche Idea in East European and Central Asian Regions led by general-secretary Mikhail Panchenko, delegation of the Mongolian Association for the Study of Juche Idea─Songun Idea led by N. Dorjsuren and delegation of Shizuoka Society for the Study of the Juche Idea in Japan led by Yoko Hayashi paid visit to the DPRK from August 1 to 8, from August 27 to 31 and from October 10 to 15, 2024 respectively.

During their stay in Pyongyang, they visited the Korean Revolution Museum, the Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum, the International Friendship Exhibition House, Natural History Museum, the Tower of the Juche Idea, the Arch of Triumph, the Liberation Tower, the Kangdong Combined Greenhouse Farm, the Kangso Mineral Water Factory and the like.

Members of the delegations exchanged their views with the researchers of the KASS on the academic problems arising in disseminating the Juche idea.